GRAND ARMY MATTERS.

A PLEASANT REUNION OF THE OHIO VETERAN VOLUNTEER INFANTRY.

Ranid Growth of the Order of the Grand Army. New Posts Established in Various States-Official Order from the Commander-in-Chief-Honoring a Chaplain's Memory-Memorial Celebration in New York-Grand Army Notes of Interest.

Special Correspondence National Tribune.

DEFIANCE, OHIO, August 1 .- The Society of the Sixty-eighth Ohio Veteran Volunteer Infantry held its annual Reunion here on the 22d ulto. There was a full attendance, each company of the old command being fully represented both by the rank and file.

Telegrams were received announcing the illness and inability to attend of both General R. K. Scott and Gen. Geo. E. Welles. After some preliminary proceedings the fol-

lowing programme was observed: 1. Prayer by the chaplain, Rev. Joseph Por- | George H. Carter. ter, late of Co. G, Sixty-eighth O. V. V. I., of

Ohio.

3. Response by Rev. Joseph Porter. 4. Address of welcome by Mayor Deatrick on behalf of the citizens of Defiance.

regiment, having, as an officer of the brigade, next meeting. Yours in F., C., and L., lost his regimental identity and learned to look upon all regiments of the Ohio brigade as one organization. He passed a glowing culogy on the bravery of the regiment and of their devotion to duty during the dark days of the war. He congratulated all, including himself, on the youthful appearance which they had retained, claiming that, to him at least, they looked fresher and younger than when he last looked into their sun-browned, fatigue-worn faces. He received a hearty welcome from the Society, and will be anxiously looked for at future Reunions.

Promptly at twelve o'clock the regiment formed by companies on Clinton street in front of the Court House, under the supervision of Captain L. W. Richardson. The old battleflags of the regiment, having been secured from Columbus, were carried by the old guards. The column was headed by the Defiance Band, followed by Bishop and Hicksville Posts, G. A. R., under the command of Frank C. Cully, of Defiance. The line of march was up Clinton street to Latty's Grove, near the Union school building, where a grove dinner was prepared for the ex-soldiers and invited guests. In the preparation and serving of the dinner the citizens of Defiance did themselves great credit: more ample provisions or orderly serving has never greeted the ex-soldier since his dis-

Immediately after dinner the column reformed and marched back to the Court House. At two o'clock the society was again called to order, and the regular business of the organization taken up.

Captain L. G. Randall, Captain P. H. Mooney, and Captain W. F. Williams were appointed a

committee on resolutions. On call of companies the following deaths were reported: Captain Charles Bates and John and by their superior marching and correct Larey, of Campany B; Sergeant W. H. Bruner, alignment well earned the plaudits which Company C: William Moore and David Sleeser, Company F; Myron Richardson, Company G; Patrick Conden and James Maher, Company H: Captain Ira Kesey, George Shroder, and John Gorrell, Company I; William A. Lingle,

On motion, it was decided to hold the next Reunion at Antwerp, Paulding county, July 4,

On motion, Major James S. Reeves, Niles, Mich., and Captain Andrew Scott, of Defiance county, both members of the Seventy-eighth Ohio veteran volunteers, were made honorary members of the Society of the Sixty-eighth Ohio Veteran Volunteer Infantry.

The committee on resolutions reported as

Whereas we have received notice by tele-General George E. Welles; therefore, Resolved, That we, their comrades, tender to

them our sympathies and regret their absence. Resolved. That we hereby extend our thanks to Bishop Post, G. A. R., to the mayor and citi-

L. G. Randall, W. F. Williams, P. H. Mooney, committee.

On motion, the secretary was authorized to issue orders on the society treasurer for all legitimate expenses incurred by the society in the interest of this meeting.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: President, George E. Welles, Toledo, Ohio; Secretary, S. Gillis, Bryan, Ohio; Treasurer, L. W. Richardson, Defiance, Ohio; Chaplain, Rev. Joseph Porter, Metz, Ind.: Vice-Presidents, Company A. A. J. Tressler: Company B, William H. Palmer; Company C, Charles Carpenter; Company D, L. Hoy; Company E, W. H. Hingshew; Company F, F. M. Brubaker; Company G, Riley Shaffer; Company H, Jacob Fultz; Company I. H. H. Fast; Company K, F. P. Brakeman.

By resolution passed at the meeting of the report, not only of the deaths that may have ing of the association.

C. Banks, Cincinnati, Ohio.

sending greetings and regrets at not being per- tiee, W. Vanalstyne. Jacob Hoffman. mitted to be present.

THE ORDER IN INDIANA.

Shiveley Post, No. 68, G. A. R. was organ-Evansville.

bers and elected the following named gentlemen as its officers: Post Commander, C. C. Schreeder; S. V. C., M. Fisher; J. V. C., F. R. Green; O. D., C. M. Mears; Q. M., W. B. Pickle; Adj't, J. Murray; O. G., J. Collins;

S. M., H. L. Wheat; Q. M. S., W. W. Sholders, After the business of the Post was concluded the comrades adjourned to the St. George where they were entertained at supper by the comrades resident of the city.

Atlanta, Ga., July 22, 1864. Captain Shiveley was one of Dubois county's

bravest sons, and we think the Post did well in thus remembering our honored dead.

POST ORGANIZED AT JEFFERSONVILLE. Special Correspondence National Tribune.

JEFFERSONVILLE, IND., August 3 .- On last Wednesday evening, at our new City Hall, Post No. 86, G. A. R., was instituted by Department Commander General Carnahan, of Indianapolis, who conducted the initiatory ecremonies. The charter members present were John Craig, J. P. Dibble, Henry Dibble, C. W. Glosbrenner. J. J. Galligher, W. K. Gray, Martin Graham, James Keigwin, Adam Laun, E. G. Neeld, W. H. Northeut, Jacob B. Pifer, R. B. Reynolds, James Rognon, Philip Specht, John W. Thomson, Henry Timmonds, G. C. Watson, J. S. Whicher, P. L. Worrell, Luther F. Worder, (mayor of city,) and J. L. White.

Several of those who had signed the roll were nnavoidably absent, but will be considered as charter members. Their names are as follows: Burt Dean, J. W. Whitlow, Joseph Navlor, A. M. Luke, Isaac Brinkworth, Hugh Mitchell. John Delahunt, Dr. W. D. Fouts, R. M. Johnston, - Wilson, O. A. Clark, James A. Spencer,

After the initiatory ceremonies an election of officers was held, which resulted as follows: 2. Greeting to comrades by Captain L. W. | Commander, James Keigwin; S. V. C., John Richardson, Sixty-eighth O. V. V. I., Defiance, W. Thomson; J. V. C., J. B. Pifer; O. D., J. S., Whicher, O. G., G. C. Watson; Chaplain, E. G. Neeld; Q. M., Philip Specht; Adj't, J. J. Gallagher. The officers were duly installed by the Department Commander. The place and time Major James S. Reeves, of Niles, Mich., sur- for regular monthly meetings have not as yet geon of the Seventy-eighth O. V. V. I. and been settled upon. The meeting was an enthupromoted to brigade surgeon, in which position | siastic and successful one, and it is the intenhe became identified with the Sixty-eighth, was | tion to enroll all veteran soldiers and sailors in attendance. On being introduced he spoke in this community and make it the leading of the pleasure it gave him to meet so many of Post in southern Indiana. Already quite a the Sixty-eighth regiment, which, so far as his number of applications have been received for feelings were concerned, was a part of his own | membership. We will give it a name at our

W. K. GRAY.

NEW POST AT MOUNT VERNON.

Special Correspondence National Tribune. Mr. Vernon, Ind., August 4, 1882 .- We organized a Post of the G. A. R. here, called Lyon Post, No. So. Department of Indiana, on the 14th of July last. Although we have had but two meetings since we have between thirty and forty members and expect to muster eight or ten more to-night. The most of our members are subscribers to your valuable paper, and I think every member of our Post, or who joins our Post, will become a subscriber. We are having an abundant wheat crop and the prospects are good for corn, consequently times will be easier and the boys will have more money, so as to be able to subscribe. Do all you can in getting the equalization of bounty passed and give us the names of Congressmen who vote for and against our interests.

Yours, very truly, WM. WIMPELBERG, Lyon Post, No. 80, Dept. of Ind.

THE ORDER IN NEW YORK.

Rapid Growth of Kilpatrick Post-Flag Presentation-An Interesting Occasion.

Special Correspondence National Tribune. NEW YORK, August 8.-Judson Kilpatrick Post, No. 143, Department of New York, was formed in last December with ten members, in Bunting Hall, One Hundred and Twentyfourth st. and Third Avenue, N. Y. This was a very small number to start with, but as they were ten resolute comrades it has been a growing Post, making a steady gain all the time. When mustered in on the 28th of December, twenty-one comrades were present. On Decoration day they turned out in uniform, were bestowed upon them along the line of march. They carried with them in the march a beautiful silk flag, which was presented to them by their warm-hearted friends of Harlem. There had not been time for a formal presentation of the flag, so a few evenings since the Commander gave a reception to the friends of the Post, and the flag was then formally presented. The event called out the notables of the G. A. R., and a brilliant assembly were gathered in the Post rooms. There were present Gen. H. A. Barnum, Maj. Willard Bullard; Perley, Commander Reno Post, No. 44; Walker, Commander Rankin Post, No. 10; Comrade Carter, Sumner, No. 24; Woodruff, of Rankin, No. 10, and many others whose names we did not get, not to forget Sam Minnes, "unattached," who gram of the illness of General R. K. Scott and | can make more noise than any man in or out of the G. A. R. The night was warm but the room was crowded with not only notable G. A. R. men, but also a fair proportion of ladies, who, by their presence, added much to the zens of Defiance for their hospitality; also our occasion. Gen Earnum made a very happy thanks to the band for the music on this occa- speech, telling how, when up at Syracuse, he and Bullard had been made captive by the fair maids of "Onondaga." Then came the speech of the evening by Comrade Bullard in presenting the flag to the Post. The speech was exhaustive on the subject of flags and demonstrated that Comrade Bullard had given great care and study to its preparation. His cloquence brought forth frequent rounds of applause. Commander Reed received the flag in a speech terse and full of patriotism. The exercises of the evening were enlivened by songs and recitations by kind friends who had volunteered for the occasion. This Post now numbers seventy members, a showing which cannot be beat, we think, by any other Post in this State. It is destined to wield an important influence upon Grand Army affairs in the New York Department.

A POST ORGANIZED AT WEBSTER.

of the Vice-Presidents to present a written | Webster, New York, August 3, 1882 .-A Post of the G. A. R. has been organized occurred, but items of interest regarding the at this place with twenty-two charter memliving, their post-office address, occupation, bers, to be known as Post 275, Department of families, and financial prospects at each meet- New York. The following-named comrades have been elected officers: A. J. Pratt. Post Letters of regret at not being able to be Commander; Wm. R. Bancroft, S. V. C.; Japresent and participate in the Rennion were | cob Hoffman, J. V. C.; Geo. Knight, O. D.; received and read from Major-General John Frank Vanalstyne, O. G.; John Hamill, Q. A. Logan, Washington, D. C., and Captain J. M.: Chas. Foster, Adjutant. The members of the Post are R. A. Corey, J. Gloor, Jno. Ridel. Captain Richardson received a telegram from August Weilert, John Witmer, Sam'l D. Gould, General M. D. Leggett, Cleveland, and a letter A. Cooman, M. Haydon, A. J. Willard, A. Wilfrom Dr. William Massa, of Paris, Illinois, each liams, Chas, Clow, J. Schlegel, I. Green, C. Cur-

A GRAND ARMY MEMORIAL.

There was a large assemblage of ladies and of veterans of the late war Monday evening at ized in Huntingburgh, Ied., by A. C. Rosen- the headquarters of Rankin Post, No. 10, Grand cranz, Junior Vice Commander for the Depart- Army of the Republic, Brooklyn, N. Y., the ment of Indiana, assisted by Commander W. occasion being the presentation of J. A. Little-H. Keller, S. V. C. C. H. Meyerhoof, Adjutant | field's portrait of Sergeant William Rankin to August Leoch, O. D. J. W. Messick, and Com- that Post. Sergeant Rankin, who was a galrade S. B. Samson, of Farragut Post, No. 27, of lant soldier of Company H, Fourteenth regiment, N. Y. S. M., was killed in action at The Post organized with twenty-seven mem- | Laurel Hill, Va., on Sunday, May 8, 1864. The Post, which bears his name, was organized in 1867 by his comrades, and now numbers over four hundred members. The rooms were taste-Kinehel; Surg., W. R. McMahan; Chaplain, T. | fully decorated, and the exercises consisted of music on the organ and by fife and drum corps, singing, speeches, and recitations. General Theodore B. Gates made the presentation speech on behalf of the committee, Messrs. T. B. Gates, Eason Carshow, and Commander John H. Walker. The drum corps then "beat off" and the portrait was unveiled, "Corporal" James

Shiveley fought in Mexico and was killed at | dress in appropriate terms. After the recitation, "Memorials of Camp and Field," by Edwin Parsloe, of Buffalo, and the singing of ship of Worcester county, the winning team to war ballads, the exercises were concluded.

> HONORING A CHAPLAIN'S MEMORY. Special Correspondence National Tribune.

Plano, Ill., August 5.—At a special meeting of Plano Post, No. 120, G. A. R., held July 31, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Whereas our Great Commander has seen fit in his Providence to call our beloved Chaplain and Comrade Rev. John R. Burns from our all who may attend. Post to the new camping ground above, be it

Resolved, That by the death of our Chaplain and Comrade Rev. John R. Burns his wife has lost a loving companion, his children a devoted father, Plano Post, No. 120, G. A. R., a true soldier and comrade, and the community a citizen whose every effort was for the good of

Resolved, That we hereby express the sorrow and grief that we all as soldiers and citizens

feel we have sustained by the sad event. Resolved, That as those who knew him well and intimately we can testify that he was a true, sympathetic, and sincere friend, one who had a record untarnished by any selfish motives and whose whole life was devoted to principles of friendship, charity, and loyalty. Resolved, That in token of our sorrow for this our bereavement the Post room be draped in

mourning and the members of the Post wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days. Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the widow of our deceased brother in testimony of our sympathy in this hour of her great affliction and trial; also that a copy be furnished THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE.

J. H. Jenks, Jonathan Agler, J. C. Harwood, committee.

MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT NOTES

Special Correspondence National Tribune. MEDFIELD, MASS., August 3d, 1882.—The Norfolk county division of the Grand Army, Maior John B. Lowell, of Post 58, Weymouth, commanding, made its first annual excursion since its division formation Wednesday, July 27th, to Downer's Landing, a famous and beautiful resort, located on the eastern coast of the old Bay State, a few miles south of Boston harbor. An invitation was extended by Commander Lowell to the Plymouth county boys to join in the excursion, which was accepted. The day was intensely warm but beautiful, and the boys rallied bravely, accompanied by their wives and daughters, to "sniff" the delightful breeze of "old cean." Nearly every Post in the county was represented with a delegation under its commander, swelling the number of "Boys in Blue" to 400 strong. After arriving in Boston a line was formed under escort of the Weymouth brass band and marched to the pleasure steamer, which was soon steaming down the harbor enjoying the sea breeze and sweet and inspiring music discoursed by the Weymouth band, one of the finest local bands in New England. At the landing the veterans partook of one of Crossman's famous short dinners, after which Commander Lowell, in a short and pleasing address, introduced Past Grand Combeing followed by Past Department Commander Capt. J. G. B. Adams, of Lynn, in a most felicitous speech. Eloquent addresses were also made by Department Commander George H. Patch, and members of the staff. The excursion was a grand success and it is hoped that more of them may take place, now the Grand Army is organized so thoroughly under command of a live and patriotic gentleman -Major John B. Lowell, of Weymouth.

FAIRFAX. OFFICIAL ORDER FROM COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF VANDERVOORT.

HEADQUARTERS G. A. R., Union Block, Cor. 15th and Farnam sts.

OMAHA, NEB., July 31st, 1882.

General Orders, No. 3. I. The following-named Comrades have been appointed aides-de-camp to the Commander-in Chief, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly: Comrade H. J. Filman, Bordentown, N. W. S. McNair, Wilmington, Del.; R. G. Lybrand, Delaware, Ohio; C. C. Kinsman. Rutland, Vt.; H. C. Teeter, Braddock's Field, Pa.; L. S. Tyler, Keckuk, Iowa; H. C. Townsend, Des Moines, Iowa; Thomas R. Scott, 27 Beekman street, N. Y.; William O. Saville, Baltimore, Md.; Lewis G. Gosson, Trenton, N. J.; S. B. Yeomans, Washington Court House, Ohio; J. K. Jones, Columbus, Ohio; E. P. Gould, Erie, Pa.; W. B. Shokley, Fort Scott. Kan.; Horace G. Wolf, Jessup, Iowa; J. B. Dey, Stromsburg, Neb.; Charles L. Marburg, Baltimore, Md.; Nathan Kimball, Ogden, Utah;

A. W. Collins, Oakland, Cal. II. Upon the nomination of the inspectorgeneral, the following-named comrades are appointed assistant inspector-general, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly: Comrade H. A. Norton, Chicago, Ill.; C. A. Santmyer, Carthage, Ohio; Clarence D. Gates, Cambridge, Vt. Additional appointments will be announced in future orders.

III. The Department heretofore known as the Department of the Mountains is hereby changed to the Department of Colorado, with headquarters at Denver. New Mexico and Wyoming Territories are added to this Depart-

direct to National Headquarters until further V. Information is wanted at these head-

quarters of the present address of Captain E. A. Wolcott, or First Lieutenant William True, of Company L. Sixteenth regiment Illinois cavalry. For the address of any of the officers or men of Company A, First Tennessee light artillery. Also, the address of one George Richardson, of the Thirteenth Illinois cavalry.

VI. The Commander-in-Chief feels compelled to call the attention of Department Comports, and urges upon them the necessity of present date but three reports have been reeived from Massachusetts, New Jersey, and ceive prompt attention.

VII. Department Commanders are requested to forward to these headquarters the Roster of

their Departments. VIII. The National Headquarters has no organ. 'No paper especially represents the Commander-in-Chief. He cordially thanks all papers published in the interests of the soldiers for their enthusiasm in behalf of the Grand Army. He earnestly desires them to continue in the good work. We must recruit 50,000 comrades this year, and in the effort to accomplish this result, he depends greatly on the labors of the editorial corpse of the papers devoted to the cause.

By order of PAUL VANDERVOORT, Commander-in-Chief. F. E. BROWN,

Adjutant-General.

CAMP-FIRE IN MASSACHUSETTS.

Special Correspondence National Tribune, FITCHBURG, MASS., August 7.—Post No. 19. G. A. R., of Fitchburg, have completed arrange. ments for a grand Union Basket Picnic and Camp-fire at Washacum Park and Lake, Wednesday, August 16. Nearly all the Posts in Worcester county have been invited. Department Commander Patch and staff have signified their intention to be present, and we have strong hopes of securing the attendance of the Commander-in-Chief, as he is to be in the East

during the month of August. Mayor C. C. Emory, of Boston, will deliver a humorous address, and the "Old Folks Singing Association" of Fitchburg, under the direction of Uncle Cyrus Thurston, will enliven the occasion with songs of "Ye Olden Time." The third regiment Indiana volunteers. Captain | Post rooms, responded to the presentation ad. | ball between the South Fitchburg and Leomin. | the Post "in the shape of a club."

ster clubs; contest between the "Massaquoit" and "Wobbler" quoit teams for the championstand ready to play any other team on the ground; boat races, tub races, "tug of war," dancing in the pavilion, croquet, foot ball, skat-

ing, and swimming. Those who do not care to be burdened with a basket can be accommodated with refreshments at reasonable prices. Arrangements have been made for half-fare on all the railroads, and the committee in charge will spare no pains to make things pleasant and lively for

A grand camp-fire will be lighted in the evening, and all who desire can trip the light fantastic toe to the music of Howard & Miller's orchestra. The skating-rink will be open during the day and evening. Never before has this Post been so thoroughly awake to the interest of the Order as during the present year, and we are determined to keep the ball

REUNION OF THE SEVENTH PENNSYL-

VANIA CAVALRY.

Special Correspondence National Tribune. Mansfield, Pa., August 4.—The fifth annual meeting of the Seventh Pennsylvania Cavalry will be held here on the 13th of September, and the occasion promises to be one of extraordinary interest. There is every indication of a very large attendance. Invitations have been extended to all ex-soldiers, and among those expected to be present is that gallant veteran, Colonel Wynkoop, who will be royally welcomed. Major B. S. Dart is president of the association, Mr. O. G. Gerould vice-president, and Mr. E. B. Decker secretary, all thoroughly efficient officers, and under whose energetic supervision the Reunion cannot but prove a grand success. The hearty co-operation of citizens has been secured, and everyting points to a most enjoyable time for all who attend.

A NEW POST IN MARYLAND.

Special Correspondence National Tribune. HAVRE DE GRACE, August 3 .- The Grand Army of the Republic organized a post in this city last night, which will be mustered in on the 16th instant. The following officers were elected: Commander, Charles A. Conner; S. V. C., John R. Day; J. V. C., Robert L. Moore; Q. M., Henry E. O'Neill. Nelson Case was appointed acting Adjutant. The election of other officers was postponed. The Post was entitled Admiral John R. Rogers Post, No. -, by a majority vote of those present, the name being given in honor of the late Admiral Rogers, who was a native of this city.

CONVENTION OF PRISON SURVIVORS CALLED.

The following circular explains itself: NATIONAL UNION OF SURVIVORS OF ANDER-SONVILLE AND OTHER SOUTHERN MILITARY

NEW YORK, June 15, 1882. It has been urged upon the Executive Committee of the "National Union of Survivors of Andersonville and other Southern Military Prisons," that on account of pension bills before Congress and other important matters to be considered by authorized delegates from State and local organizations, a convention of and urge your association to send a delegation mander-in-Chief Gen. George S. Merrill, of of one or five of your members, to such meet-Lawrence, who made a splendid address, he | ing to be held at the Twelfth Regiment Armory, corner of 45th street and Broadway, New York city, on the 6th day of September, 1882. The New York State annual Reunion will be held at the same place and at the same time, and the members of that association will be pleased to welcome you.

So large a new growth of associations having been added to our numbers, and so many interests of all comrades are to be considered, that we hope to see a full representation from every quarter.

J. W. MERRILL, Pres't, 89 Liberty st., N. Y. EZRA H. RIPPLE, Vice-Pres't, Scranton, Pa. HIRAM BUCKINGHAM, Sec., Hartford, Conn.

A NEW POST IN WISCONSIN.

Special Correspondence National Tribune. WHITEWATER, WIS., July 29, 1882. - The veterans here have organized a Post of the G. A. R. with forty-five charter members. We have named it in honor of a departed Captain Curtis who went from our town with the Fourth Wisconsin infantry. The list of officers elected to Post Curtis are as follows: Commander, E. D. Geer; S. V. C., E. S. Redington; J. V. C., E. Donally; Adj't, J. J. Criger; Q. M., E. G. Horton; Surgeon, J. Green; Chaplain, T. Kinnie; O. D., O. Smith; O. G., C. Rodwell; S. M., J. O. Knowlton; Q. M. Serg't, D. M. Fowler, The old veteran battalion contained about 300 members and we hope to get them all in the Post by December.

GRAND ARMY NOTES.

J. D. O'Brien Post, No. 65, of Oswego, N. Y., will hold a Reunion during the present month, (our correspondent fails to give us the exact date,) and there is every prospect of a most enjoyable time for the boys. Comrade George Ketchum is commander, B. C. Barnes S. V. C., and Wm. A. Miller J. V. C.

Bradford, Ills., has a flourishing Grand Army Post of sixty members.

The coming soldiers' Reunion at Grand Island, Neb., promises to prove an exceedingly interesting event in the history of the Grand IV. Posts organized in Montana will report | Army in the Northwest. The indications are that there will be a very large attendance.

James B. McPherson Post, No. 87, Department of Kansas, was recently organized at McPherson, Kas., by Department Commander Walkinshaw, with 101 members. Comrade M. P. Simpson has been chosen Commander.

The One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry will hold a Reunion at Bowerton, Harrison county, on the 24th inst. manders again to the subject of quarterly re- Every effort will be made to make this celebration as pleasant and profitable as those of former occasions. Citizens are prepared to welcome the boys in the most cordial manner. New Orleans. We trust this subject will re Handsomely illustrated cards of invitation have been issued over the signature of John E. McPeck, president of the association, and Wm. H. Moor, of Company C., one of which has been received at the office of THE NA-TIONAL TRIBUNE.

The veterans of Fall River, Mass., have resolved upon the organization of a Grand Army Post there. At a recent and well-attended meeting of veterans it was resolved to procure a charter and organize with the least possible delay. The roll has been signed by thirteen

The Post recently organized by Department Commander Shaw at Lafavette, Ind., which started with twenty-two members, is growing rapidly, and there is every indication of its soon becoming one of the most influential organizations of the kind in the State. It has been named Henry S. Lane Post, Department

There will be a Reunion of the Seventh Vermont volunteers at Rutland, Vt., August 29, 30, and 31. They will camp on the same ground they occupied twenty years ago.

A Post of the Grand Army has been organized at Bloomington, Ill., with forty-six charter members. A correspondent noticing the fact adds that "THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE is very popular among the boys,"

The veterans residing at and in the vicinity of New Lisbon, Pa., have organized a Post. No 251, with forty-six charter members. Its prospects of an increase to sixty are excellent. speaking will be interspersed with national A correspondent tells us that many of the The Post is named after Captain Lewis Tanner, who was chiefly instrumental in pro- airs by the band. Games in abundance will be boys are readers of THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE, Byron Shiveley, captain of company F, Fifty- curing the portrait for the adornment of the arranged, among them a match game of base- and that we may soon expect to hear from

PENSION LEGISLATION.

PASSAGE OF THE BILL REMOVING CHARGES OF DESERTION.

Its Prompt Approval by the President-Interesting Debate in the House on the Subject-Amending the Invalid Pension Bill-Relief for One-Armed Veterans Who Have Suffered Amputation at the Shoulder-Failure of the \$40 Bill in the Senate.

In the House on Saturday last the bill to relieve ex-soldiers from technical charges of lation of the rules, under circumstances which desertion was reported favorably from the committee of conference through Mr. Calkins, who, in introducing it, said :

I desire at this time to submit a privileged report. I present the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill to relieve certain soldiers from the charge of desertion.

The SPEAKER. The report will be read. The report was read, as follows:

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. No. 5224) to relieve certain soldiers of the late war from the charge of desertion having met, after a full and free conference have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, That the Senate recede from its amendment numbered 7, with an amendment as follows: Insert six" instead of "twelve;" so that it will read: six months."

W. H. CALKINS, BENJ. BUTTERWORTH, R. W. TOWNSHEND, Managers on the part of the House. JOHN A. LOGAN, F. M. COCKRELL

Managers on the part of the Scnate. Mr. BUTTERWORTH. I desire to call the attention of the House to one item embodied in this report, in order to see whether we really accomplished what we intended to accomplish by the bill. This was intended to relieve soldiers who were simply technical deserters from the charge of desertion and to secure the issuance to them or their legal representatives whatever pay may have been withheld from them by reason of the charge of desertion.

Mr. House. I would like to ask the gentleman from Ohio what he means by "technical

desertion?" Mr. BUTTERWORTH. I mean where a party is simply absent without leave, but reported as a deserter. For instance, this condition of things has given rise to numerous bills for the relief of soldiers from the charge of desertion who really had no intention of deserting. Mr. House. May not a man be a deserter who is absent from his command without

Mr. Calkins. A man may be absent without leave and yet not be a deserter. Mr. BUTTERWORTH. I will give the gentleman an instance to show what I mean. For instance, a regiment is ordered, we will say, to Louisville to be mustered out. It goes down the Ohio, and at Cincinnati, if you please, there are a large number of soldiers who meet members of their families-their wives, mothers, or children-there, and who stop off, not with the intention of deserting from their command, but with the expectation of overtaking and rejoining the regiment at Louisville, to be mustered out with it. Now, this is after the war, remember. It may happen when

delegates should be held. We hereby invite they get to Louisville-and I speak now of a case in point—the regiment is ordered on to Little Rock. These men go on next morning, but are unable to overtake their regiment. The regiment is subsequently ordered back and is mustered out before they are able to reach their command. The result is they are returned as deserters, when they never thought of deserting. But the war being over they are

> Mr. REAGAN. May I ask the gentleman a question? Mr. BUTTERWORTH. Yes, sir. Mr. REAGAN. - Is the bill not so framed as to

found in this unfortunate situation.

cover real deserters as well as those who have been called technical deserters? Mr. CALKINS. That is the only difficulty-

whether it does not cover too much. Mr. BUTTERWOETH. After providing for all those cases this language is used, and I submit it to my friend from Tennessee [Mr. House] whether it does not undo all the first clauses the bill attempts to accomplish. After reciting that the Secretary of War may grant an honorable discharge in certain cases, that he may hear and determine, &c., it adds this pro-

And provided further, That no soldier, nor the heirs nor legal representatives of any soldier, who served in the Army a period of less than six entitled to the benefits of the provisions of this act. Now, the use of the words "intentionally deserted" where the soldier was a technical deserter, in my judgment, may prevent him from availing himself of the provisions of this | as follows:

Mr. House. Who is to settle the question whether the soldier intentionally deserted? Mr. BUTTERWORTH. The Secretary of War. But according to the language of this proviso if the soldier, although merely a technical deserter, did what he did "intentionally"-the qualifying word used here-he could not have the relief which this bill is drawn to afford. I fear that is the case, although I hope it is not. Mr. Calkins. I desire to say only a word in

reference to this matter. The bill provides three classes of soldiers shall be relieved from the charge of desertion. The first class consists of those who served their time out and were not granted final and honorable discharges, because not present with their regiment at the time the regiment was mustered out. Mr. House. Does the bill apply to these

only who served their time out? Mr. CALKINS. No. sir. I am stating the three classes who are to benefit by the provisions of the act. The second class consists of those who served until the 22d day of May, 1865, the day of the grand general reunion in Washington. The third class consists of those who were wounded or were suffering from discase and were in hospital when the regiment was mustered out of the service. Then the bill says, to make it doubly sure who are intended, that the Secretary of War shall not tion. grant this relief to those who were intentional deserters. I think, disagreeing with my friend from Ohio, [Mr. BUTTERWORTH,] the relief | bill is ample, and that there can be no difficulty

about the meaning of the act. Mr. Townshend, of Illinois. I desire to say o my friend from Tennessee M. House that the bill has been carefully prepared, both in the House and in the Senate, with a view to avoid allowing any actual or intentional deserter to receive an honorable discharge. The bill was passed by the House unanimously, I think, at the request of the gentleman from Pennsylvania, [Mr. RANDALL,] or it may have been the gentleman from Indiana, [Mr. CAL-KINS.] I am not certain which; at all events it passed the House unanimously.

The Senate has amended the bill in only two material particulars. The bill as it passed the House provided that those who had served out their term of enlistment, or had continued in service until the first day of May, 1865, should it appear that they did not intentionally desert the service, should have an honorable discharge. The Senate has extended that time until the 27th of May, and restricted the number to be benefited by this bill.

The House provided that those who had served for not less than three months should receive the benefits of this bill. The Senate extended that term to twelve months. The committee of conference has agreed to the term of six months. The House conferees gave up three menths, and the Senate conferees gave up six months; so that we practically gained three months on the Senate. I think the bill has been carefully guarded with a view of not allowing any actual or intentional deserter to receive an honorable discharge.

Mr. RYAN. I only want to say that, in my judgment, this bill, as now submitted, actually accomplishes nothing. The object of the bill as it passed the House was to remove the charge of technical desertion. The bill, as now presented, does nothing of the kind. It only provides that where the desertion is intentional there can be no removal of the charge of desertion.

Mr. Townshend, of Illinois. Does my friend from Kansas [Mr. RYAN] want to remove the charge of desertion against those who intentionally deserted?

Mr. RYAN. I want to say that perhaps the intention of the gentleman is to carry out the object of the bill; but in my judgment he does not do it. Every desertion, whether technical or otherwise, is intentional. As a general rule

you have nothing except the evidence of the rolls to show whether there was desertion or

It has been said here that where there was absence without leave there was a charge of desertion. In many cases that depends largely upon the officer in command, the captain of the company. Where a soldier left, disappeared without leave, the captain in his discretion might carry him on the rolls as absent without leave, or he might have him marked as a de-

Take the case which was put a little while ago, where the war was practically closed, and the soldier left his command for a day or two, expecting to return before his command was mustered out. The captain, when he found by the roll-call that he did not appear, marked him as a deserter.

Now, the soldier intended to do the very thing he did do. He intended to leave in viojustified his being marked on the roll as a deserter. The soldier comes back a week afterward and finds that the regiment is mustered out. Now, this bill affords that man no relief under heaven.

I will take another case; I have in mind another instance. A soldier enlisted in an Illinois regiment and was wounded at the battle of Pea Ridge. He went into a hospital, and while there his command left. Soon afterward another regiment came along and he enlisted in that regiment under another name. Now, the very fact that he enlisted under another name indicated a purpose on his part to desert contrary to the rules of war.

Mr. Townshend, of Illinois. Did he desert the service? Mr. RYAN. You do not say anything in

your bill about deserting the service: all you say is that the person to be benefited by this bill shall not appear to have been an intentional deserter. Now, let me go on. As I said, another regiment came along and

he enlisted in that regiment under another name. He served honorably and faithfully in that regiment and died on the battle-field of wounds received while in that service. Now there is no relief for his representatives under this bill. And there are plenty of such eases. Now, if the committee of conference had made provision as I have indicated, if they had

not said "intentional desertion of service," it would have enabled the Department to have provided for that class of persons; but this bill in my judgment does nothing of the kind. Mr. Calkins. I now desire to move the previous question on the adoption of the report

of the committee of conference. Mr. HENDERSON. I would like to say a word on this subject. Mr. TOWNSHEND, of Illinois. I hope my colleague, the chairman of the Committe on Military Affairs, [Mr. HENDERSON,] will be

allowed to say a word or two. Mr. CALKINS. I yield to the gentleman from Mr. HENDERSON. I want to say this: This bill seems in some way to have got out from under the control of or to have deserted the Committee on Military Affairs; still I feel an

interest in the passage of the bill I will say to the gentleman from Kansas Mr. RYAN | that it is almost impossible to so frame a general bill as not to admit of the removal of the charge of desertion in some cases where it ought not to be removed.

The bill was prepared carefully by the Committee on Military Affairs, and with express reference to guarding against the possibility of having the charge of desertion removed from those who intentionally deserted the flag of their country. The case spoken of by my friend from Kansas [Mr. RYAN] is one of that class which I think ought to be and must be provided for by special law, for the very reason that if you undertake to pass a general law here which will embrace all those cases it will be so broad in its scope that it will admit of the removal of the charge of desertion from

some who were willful deserters. Now, I think this bill ought to pass in the shape it now is. I should have had no serious objection if it had passed this morning in the way it came from the Senate.

question upon the adoption of the report. The previous question was ordered, and the report of the committee of conference adopted. The report was also adopted in the Senate, and

Mr. CALKINS. I now demand the previous

ident's signature, and is therefore now a law. INVALID PENSIONS.

on Monday, the 7th inst., it received the Pres-

An Amendment to the Bill Regulating Invalid

In the Senate on Friday, Mr. Platt, upon securing the floor, said : The Committee on Pensions have instructed me to report an original bill, and to ask for its

present consideration. The bill (S. No. 2172) to amend section 4702, title 57, Revised Statutes of the United States, and for other purposes, was read the first time

Mr. Davis, of West Virginia. Let the bill be read for information. The bill was read the second time at length.

Be it enacted, &c., That section 4702, title 57, of the Revised Statutes of the United States is hereby amended so as to read as follows: SEC. 4702. If any person embraced within the provisions of sections 4692 and 4693 has died since the 4th of March, 1861, or hereafter dies, by reason

of any wound, injury, or disease which under the conditions and limitations of such sections would have entitled him to an invalid pension had he been disabled, his widow, or if there be no widow, or in case of her death without payment to her of any part of the pension hereinafter mentioned, his child or children under sixteen years of age shall be entitled to receive the same pension as the husband or father would have been entitled to had he been totally disabled, to commence from the death of the husband or father, to continue to the widow during her widowhood, and to his child or children until they severally attain the age of sixteen years. and no longer; and if the widow re-marry, the child or children shall be entitled from the date of re-marriage, except when such widow has continued to draw the pension money after her re-marriage, in contravention of law, and such child or children have resided with and been supported by her, their pension will commence at the date to which the

widow was last paid." SEC. 2. That marriages, except such as are mentioned in section 4705 of the Revised Statutes, shall be proven in pension cases to be legal marriages according to the law of the place where the partles resided at the time of marriage or at a time when the right to pension accrued, and the open and notorious adulterous cohabitation of a widow who is a pensioner shall operate to terminate her pension from the commencement of such cohabita-

By unanimous consent the Senate, as in Committee of the Whole, proceeded to consider the Mr. PLATT. If any explanation is desired.

I can make it in a few words. Mr. INGALLS. Is this a House bill? Mr. PLATT, No; it is an original bill, raported by the Committee on Pensions. I will state the only change it makes from the pres-

Where a widow, in violation of law, after the death of her busband, has continued to draw the husband's pension, and has supported the children in the meantime, if there are any, the bill provides that the children shall take from the time when the widow ceased to draw the pension, which we think is right if she

has supported the children. The second change is a provision that notorious and adulterous cohabitation by a widow shall terminate the pension. The Secretary of the Interior has decided that under the present law it does not terminate the pension. The committee think it ought to terminate the pension.

I hope there will be no objection to the bill. Mr. Davis, of West Virginia. I should like to ask the Senator how much will be the additional expenditure?

Mr. PLATT. Nothing. Mr. Davis, of West Virginia. Oh, ves, there must be an additional expenditure. Mr. PLATT. On the other hand, it dimin-

ishes the expenditure.

Mr. Davis, of West Virginia, In what way? I understand the second section, but the first section, which the Senator explained, certainly gives additional pension. Mr. PLATT. It does not give any additional pension. If I had made myself clear the Sen-

ator would have understood it. There are cases now where the widow, when her husband dies, goes forward in violation of law, saving nothing about the death of her husband, and draws the pension. The only remedy now is to bring suit to recover that amount. The object of the bill is to make the children's pension date from the time when the widow ceased to draw the pension in violation of law; that is, from the time of discovery, when her pension is stopped, provided she has in the mean time supported the chil-

Mr. INGALLS. Take the \$72 rate, which lapses at the death of the person entitled to (Continued on Eighth page.)